Border Area Development Programme

2508. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has asked 17 States that have international borders, to speedily finalize their action plan under Border Areas Development Programme; (BADP) funded wholly by the Centre;

(b) whether the scheme was introduced in the seventh Five Year Plan, with the objective of balanced development of border areas in Western Region, and later extended to States bordering Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, Bhutan and Nepal;

(c) whether the Ministry has also stepped up financial assistance to cover major infrastructure projects such as building of bridges and border roads, and also proposes to construct 27 roads along the border with China; and

(d) if so, by when work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, the programme was launched with focus on socio-economic development of border areas and to promote sense of security amongst the people living there.

(c) and (d) No major infrastructure projects are undertaken under BADP. Government of India has separately approved construction of 27 road links along India-China border. Most of these roads are to be completed by 2011.

Setting up of police liaison post on Indo-Myanmar border

2509. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in a move that may help India keep tabs on the movement of North-East insurgents, Pakistan-based terrorists and smugglers,

Myanmar has agreed to setup a police liaison post at the border, to provide a platform of daily interaction and joint interrogation of persons arrested for drugs/arms smuggling, and for insurgency related activities;

(b) to what extent setting up of police liaison post has helped towards a joint operation against terrorists; and

(c) to what extent it has reduced the insurgent activities in the North-Eastern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The setting up of Police Liaison Officer along the India Myanmar border with a view to strengthen cooperation between the police forces of India-Myanmar border was discussed at the meeting of Myanmar Home Minister with Union Home Minister held in December 2006 and also at the Home Secretary Level talks between India and Myanmar held in February 2007 along with other issues of mutual concern including those related to security, drug trafficking and effective border management. Both countries agreed to cooperate closely with each other in this regard.

Accused absconding from jails

†2510. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accused absconding from various jails of the country;

(b) whether any arrangement for providing names of absconding accused persons on website is being made; and

(c) if so, the details of States where such an arrangement is being introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per the figures compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of accused absconding from jails during 2003-05 is indicated below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.